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Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar :—" May I know from the hon. Minister when this Bill was made ready by the Religious Endowments Board and for how long it has been under the scrutiny of the Government ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" It is now, as I said yesterday, in the hands of the Law (Drafting) Department."

Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar :—" That is no answer to my question."

Arms and Explosives

Issue of licences to shooting clubs.

* 1654 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of shooting clubs to which licences have been granted under rule 32 of the Indian Arms Rules ; and

(b) what the conditions of these licences are ?

A.—(a) Four.

(b) The conditions are printed in the form of licence of which a copy is appended [a].

Depressed Classes

Aid to Depressed Classes for improving the lands assigned to them.

* 1655 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that only a small portion of the land assigned to Adi-Dravidas in South Kanara has been brought under cultivation ; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government propose to take to help the Adi-Dravidas in improving the land assigned to them ?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 64 of the Administration Report of the Labour Department for 1927–28. The question whether the Adi-Dravidas in the South Kanara district should be given lands free of assessment for the first few years is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether the Government are contemplating any other steps to help these people in improving the lands assigned to them ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Emigration.

Recruitment of labourers from this province.

* 1656 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of persons recruited as labourers from this province ;

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 459–460 infra.